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PROVISIONAL IRA MURDER OF TWO JUDICIAL FIGURES JUDGE RORY CONAGHAN AND RESIDENT MAGISTRATE MARTIN MC BIRNEY CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT RESPECTIVELY IN BELFAST MORNING SEPT. 16 HAS STIRRED WAVE OF ANGER AND REVULSION LOCALLY. ALTHOUGH SECURITY MEASURES TIGHTENED FOR "ALL PUBLIC FIGURES" SECURITY FORCES ACKNOWLEDGE IMPOSSIBILITY OF GIVING VULNERABLE OFFICIALS COMPLETE PROTECTION. EARLY PRIVATE REACTIONS FROM POLITICAL FIGURES INDICATE PROBABLE REPERCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE A SETBACK TO THOSE FAVORING END TO DETENTION AND INCREASED PRESSURE FOR DEATH SENTENCE FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. THERE EVEN SUGGESTIONS THAT CIVILIAN COURTS BE REPLACED BY MILITARY TRIBUNALS IN TERRORIST CASES. SPICER

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